

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, EC  
SUBJECT: CHAPARRAL MISSILE SALE TO ECUADOR

REF: STATE 114437

1. GIVEN PRESENT LEVELS OF FMS CREDIT AVAILABLE TO ECUADOR, EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT GOE INTENDS TO UTILIZE SUCH CREDITS FOR CHAPARRAL PURCHASE. CURRENT CREDIT LEVELS WOULD NOT MAKE APPRECIABLE IMPACT IN CHAPARRAL COST, AND ARE ALREADY COMMITTED TO A NUMBER OF PROJECTS.

2. AT THE SAME TIME, GOE OFFICIALS HAVE RAISED INFORMALLY WITH EMBASSY POSSIBILITY OF USG FINANCING FOR CHAPARRAL PURCHASE. TO DATE WE HAVE BEEN NONCOMMITAL, BUT HAVE NOTED LOW WORLD-WIDE AND HEMISPHERIC LEVELS OF FMS CRIDIT AND PROHIBITION ON FUTURE COMMITMENTS. THUS, WE DO NOT BELIVE GOE IS ENTERTAINING ANY UNREALISTIC HOPES WITH REGARD TO SUCH CREDITS. AT THE SAME TIME, SHOULD AN APPRECIABLE INCREASE IN FMS CREDIT FOR ECUADOR BECOME AVAILABLE IN THIS OR FUTURE YEARS, EITHER THROUGH FALL-OUT FROM OTHER COUNTRY PROGRAMS OR INCREASED FUNDING, WE BELIEVE GOE WOULD JUMP AT THE OPPORTUNITY TO FINANCE PART OR ALL OF CHAPARRAL PURCHASE THROUGH FMS.

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3. RESPONSE TO QUESTION RAISED IN PARA. 2 OF REFTTEL, THEREFORE, DEPENDS TO SOME EXTENT ON DEPARTMENT DETERMINATION AS TO POSSIBLE INCREASE OF FMS LEVELS FOR ECUADOR. SHOULD INCREASE BE POSSIBLE, USE OF CREDIT FOR CHAPARRAL PURCHASE IS VERY LIKELY. OTHERWISE, GOE WILL SEEK ALTERNATIVE FINANCING.

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